

The return of Monty Irving, hard hitting third baseman, from the army has added much offensive and defensive strength to the Newark Eagles. Irving ranks as one of the hardest hitters in colored baseball and his play around the hot corner is steady and colorful.

Monty is a former all around athlete of Orange, N.J. High School where he won fame in football, baseball, basketball and track. He was an All-State football and baseball player and is generally rated as one of the greatest athletes ever turned out of Orange High School.

After graduation from high school he matriculated at Lincoln University, Pa., where he starred in football, and basketball and baseball before joining the Newark Eagles.

He immediately became a star in professional baseball and before his induction into the service was considered by veteran baseball observers as one of the potential greats of Negro baseball.

Irving is a big fellow tipping the scales at 210 and standing over six feet. He is exceptionally fast for his size and boast of one of the best throwing arms in baseball.

His ~~bit~~ bit in the army has failed to retard his progress as a ball player as he has shown in the few games in which he has appeared with the Eagles. In a recent game against the Philly Stars he smashed out three hit, including a home run while last week against the Cincinnati Glowns he got five hits in five times at bat.

Irving is destined to take his place in Negro baseball along side of such great sluggers as Josh Gibson, Mule Suttles, Johnny Beckwith and Oscar Charleston. He is the future Babe Ruth of colored baseball.